Expected cost of the proposed second channel

2054. SHRI M. M. HASHIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected cost of the proposed second channel in Doordarshan;

(b) whether a cost benefit analysis has been done of such a proposal;

(c) whether there is any proposal to improve the first Channel of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the existing first channel of Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) As per the Preliminary Estimates, the approximate cost for establishment of Second Nation-wide TV Channel (N-2) is about Rs. 2460 crores.

(b) No, Sir, The need for such an analysis has not been felt because immense social benefits would accrue from this Channel cannot be determined.

(c) and (d) It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to improve upon the contents and formats of their programmes so as to sustain viewers' interest.

Impact of foreign T.V. channels on Doordarshan

2055. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of various foreign T.V. Channels operating in India on Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a steep decline in the number of viewers of Doordarshan T.V. programmes;

(c) whether there has been a corresponding loss in revenue from advertisements; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to upgrade the quality of Doordarshan programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) There is no discernible evidence of a steep decline in the viewership of Doordarshan programmes. Programmes from CNN, STAR TV etc. are available only to those viewers who have installed suitable Dish Antenna.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to telecast more interesting and entertaining programmes leading to generation of more revenue and to sustain viewers interest as well.

Inadequate Emoluments to staff Artist of Bombay and Calcutta Doordarshan

2056. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that temporary staff|staff artists|producers of tele-films of Bombay and Calcutta Doordarshan are being given remuneration|salary|emoluments equal to 10 days work or working in totally for a month or so;

(b) whether representations were submitted by these artists|producers long back to Government for a fair deal of their worth;

(c) whether Govt. have taken any reasonable view in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what corrective action is being proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e) Temporary casual hands are sometimes engaged to do casual nature of work depending upon the requirements of the programme. These persons are normally engaged for not more than 10 days in a month for which they are paid remuneration. A scheme is under consideration of the Govt. for regularisation of the casual hands. As soon as the scheme is finalised, the cases of these who fulfil the criteria for regularisation will be considered.

औरंगाबाद में टी०वी० टावर का निर्माण

2057. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार में औरंगाबाद टी० वी० टावर के बनाए जाने संबंधी कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों तक दूरदर्शन का लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए इसका निर्माण कब तक कर दिया जाएगा ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । बिहार में औरंगाबाद में, एक अल्प शक्ति टी०वी० ट्रांसमीटर कार्यान्वयनाधीन है । वर्तमान संकेतों के अनुसार, यह ट्रांसमीटर 1992–93 के दौरान , सेवा के लिए चालू हो जाने की उम्मीद है ।

दूरदर्शन द्वारा जारी किए गए चैकों का जाली खातों के माध्यम से भुनाया जाना

2058. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय :** क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को दिल्ली दूरदर्शन द्वारा भेजे गए लाखों रुपयों के चैकों को बैंकों में जाली खातों के माध्यम से भुनाए जाने की शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) दूरदर्शन केंद्र, दिल्ली द्वारा प्राप्त शिकायतों के अनुसार, बैंकों में जाली अ काऊंट खोलकर, 11.85 लाख रुपए केतीन चैक धोखाधडी कर भुना लिए गए । ये चैक मैसर्स वाइकिंग्स, बम्बई, मैसर्ज रुकमणि आर्ट्स इंटरनेशनल, बम्बई, और मद्रास के श्री ए० यतीश बाबू के लिए थे । दिल्ली पुलिस के पास प्राथमिकी दर्ज करा दी गई है इस मामले को संसद मार्ग डाकघर के डाक प्राधिकारियों और राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंकों के प्रबंधकों के साथ भी उठाया गया है । चूंकि मामले की अभी जांच की जा रही है अतः आगे की कार्रवाई पूरे तथ्य जान लेने के बाद ही की जा सकती है ।

Education Programme on Delhi Doordarshan

2059. **SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are committed to inform and educate the public specially on Delhi Doordarshan and for which a large budget is being utilised by different Ministries, Institution etc. and if so, the details thereof for the year 1990-91;

(b) whether any monitoring is being done of the video films made and actually screened;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of the grant from the DST, a video film produced by PTI-TV sometime in June, 1991 which has not been screened on national hook-up so far,